

## **Public Hearing\_AB22-17\_Proposed Water/Sewer/Stormwater Utility Rates**

*Public hearing date: November 3, 2022, and November 17, 2022.*

### **November 3, 2022**

*Held during the City of Sultan Council Meeting and presentation on file with the city clerk's office*

At approximately 7:41 p.m. Mayor Wiita opened the public hearing and read the public hearing procedures. The meeting was a hybrid with attendees both in person at City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom Internet Conference Service. Mayor Wiita called roll and the following were in attendance:

Councilmembers: Morgan, Aldrich, Dearborn, Neigel, Sivewright, and Beeler.

Councilmembers Absent: Hund

Staff: City Administrator Ibershof, Public Works Director Morgan, Community Development Director Galuska, Finance Director Erdman, and City Clerk Pevey.

### Staff Report

Public Works Director Morgan presented the 6-year Capital Improvement Plan and focused on plans related to project activity in 2023 to include capital equipment purchases and projects in the following areas:

- Transportation: Main Street/US2 roundabout project design, annual asphalt and sidewalk repair
- Water projects: Water Treatment Plant upgrade construction, and replace and upgrade water PRV valve #1,
- Sewer: continuing Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade construction
- Stormwater: no projects planned for 2023,
- Parks: new park in the Sultan Basin area, and Osprey park improvements to include expansion of the sports fields and irrigation around the playground area
- Buildings: Public Works facility repairs to include new shop lighting and office windows, Post Office HVAC, Post Office/Historical Society vertical lift to allow ADA accessibility upstairs.

### Council Discussion

None noted

### Public Comments

Jeff Estes, Startup, supports roundabouts planned for US 2 at both Sultan Basin Road and Main Street.

### Motion

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council continued the public hearing on the 6 Year Capital Improvement Plan; Motion passed 6-0.

### **November 17, 2022**

At approximately 7:11 p.m. Mayor Wiita re-opened the public hearing and read the public hearing procedures. The meeting was a hybrid with attendees both in person at City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom Internet Conference Service. Mayor Wiita called roll and the following were in attendance:

Councilmembers: Morgan, Aldrich, Dearborn, Hund, Neigel, Sivewright, and Beeler.

Staff: Public Works Director Morgan, Finance Director Erdman, and City Clerk Pevey.

### Staff Reports

Public Works Director Morgan confirmed the city worked diligently throughout the year with FCS Group to review the water, sewer, and storm systems to review the projected needs and provide a reasonable rate. Currently rates being proposed will be increased in 2023 by 5.5% for water, 5.25% for sewer, and 25% for stormwater and will be effective January 1, 2023, if approved.

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Public comment

None noted

Motion:

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council closed the public hearing on water, sewer, and stormwater rates; Motion passed 7-0.

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Russell Wiita, Mayor

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Tami J. Pevey, City Clerk